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- On 13 May 1947, Zinenko, Party secretary of the raion committee; Pavlenko, chief on the raion executive committee; Shevchenko, chief of the raion land department; Zaporozhets, chief of the MGB; Ivashenko and Zhmurko, MGB lieutenants and 40 armed MVD men came to the village of Duniv (Zaleshchiki Raion, Ternopol® Oblast). With gun butts they drove people into the "club house" where a meeting was to be held on the question of organizing kolkhozes. When the villagers started to leave the premises, Shevchenko called a reasant named Ivan Prisyazhnyuk and told him to sign a declaration about joining the kolkhoz. When the peasant refused, Shevchenko pushed him into another room where the MVD men were waiting. When threats failed to have effect, the MVD began to boat him about the face and the whole body. Finally, they put a pencil in his hand and pushed the declaration towards him to be signed while the other hand was squeezed in the door until the peasant had signed the declaration. The same method was applied
- On 26 July 1947, in the village Bozha Volya (Krakovetski Raion, Lvov Oblast), the MVD arrested the following peasants: Ivan Mrudz, Stepan Halaiko, Stepan Tverdokhlib, Hrihir Svistovich, Pelaniya Dudich, Katerina Padchak and Teodosiya Zhmut. They were all kept for 7 days in the raion prison and inhumanly beaten in order tomake them sign the declaration about joining the kolkhoz.
- In August 1947, in the village of Strutin Nizhni (Rozhnyatovski Raion, Stanislav Oblast) the NVD section led by Kravchuk, secretary of the raion Party committee confiscated the cows from the peasants Fedor Kizlov and Stepan Didokha and all the movable property and fields from Vasil Dumenko and Mikola (Mikhail?) Lutsivo because they refused to join the kolkhoz. Moreover, the peasants Stepan Didos, Mikhail Lutsivo, and Orinchiv Fedov were fined 5,000 rubles, and Vasil Babiyev, Pavel Melnikov, and Anna Mari were ordered to leave their properties, which were to be taken over by the kolkhoz.
- On 14 September 1947, in the village Zhabokrich (Kozinski Raion, Rovno Oblast) the first secretary of the raion Party committee, Kharchenko, and 5 MVD men called several peasants one after the other to the village Soviet under the pretext of making an inventory of their properties. After making everybody sign the alleged inventory documents, they made a public announcement that all these peasants had voluntarily signed an agreement to turn their properties to the kolkhoz.

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- 5. On 28 September 1947, in the village Horutsko (Medenitski Raion, Drogobych Oblast) two MVD men from the local garrison took Fedov Dudich into the building of the village Soviet. Dudich heard moans and cursing in the Moscow dialect coming from the next room. The Partyexecutive of the raion committee, Polishchuk, walked in from that room and said to Dudich, "Do you know Fedov Dzhalava? Well, he is young and could take it, but you are old and will die in our hands. Sign voluntarily and we shall not beat you." On his refusal to comply, Dudich was thrown into the cellar, where he had half an hour to "think it over." He was then taken into a room where the MVD man Kasayev was already waiting. With two other MVD men, Kaseyev started to beat Dudich, who fainted and dropped to the floor. He was drenched with water and thrown back into the cellar to "think it over" again. This was repeated six times. After the last beating, he was thrown into a room on a pile of other peasants who were unconscious. The next morning, Kolbasa, second secretary of the raion Party committee, walked into the room and, vointing at Dudich, shouted, "Ready". Two MVD men loaded Dudich on their shoulders and threw him into the yard. Three days later, the village Soviet chief, Hrynkiv, came to tell Dudich that he had become a kolkhoz member, although Dudich had not signed the declaration.
- 6. In October 1947, in the village Verbitsya (Khodorovski Raion, Drogobych Oblast) 11 families were deported by the bolsheviks for resisting collectivization, and a young man, Stepan Lesiv, was shot.

